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TO: Members of Construction Code Commission
FROM: Bill B. Moyer *BBM*
SUBJECT: Interpretation of Section 616

Question: Is Section 616 applicable to above ground pools?
If so, is a fence or other barrier required to enclose the pool area.

Answer: Yes, Section 616.1 provides that pools used for swimming or bathing which are more than 24 inches in depth or more than 250 square feet in surface area shall comply with the remaining provisions of Section 616. Specifically Section 616.9 provides that pools containing more than 24 inches of water in depth shall be adequately protected by an enclosure either surrounding the property or pool area to make it inaccessible to small children. Such enclosure including gates therein shall be not less than 4' in height above the under lying ground.

-- The barrier may include a natural barrier, hedge, pool cover, or other protective device which may be used to afford the degree of protection afforded by an enclosure gate and latch.

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